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Welcome to RDA RiverinE-News

Welcome to the first edition of RDA Riverine-news for the financial year!

Last month RDA Riverina farewelled one of our committee members, Phil Pinyon. Phil has moved to take up a new role interstate and made a significant contribution to the RDA Riverina committee and economic development initiatives and activities across the region. We wish Phil and his wife Deb all the very best in their new pursuits.

The past year was a particularly busy one across the Riverina with a number of significant regional activities and funding announcements. Regional business expansion is set to continue with the Riverina Intermodal Freight hub receiving confirmation of State government funding to compliment the federal funding in the last two weeks. This will be a significant business enabler for the region and provide a much needed boost to business confidence. Coupled with a replacement of the Eunony bridge to the east of Wagga, this provides a HML route for heavy traffic into the Bomen industrial area and freight hub and relieves heavy vehicle congestion through the Wagga Wagga CBD.

In addition, there was confirmation of Commonwealth funding for flood mitigation and upgrading of the Wagga Wagga levee bank, a relocation of the McWilliams bottling plant in Griffith and plans for more than \$180 million in solar and energy efficient projects across the region.

RDA Riverina have been working closely with local government and business for some time now to progress these significant economic development initiatives and it's great to see them finally come to fruition.

This newsletter includes another RDA committee member profile, information on funding for softwood plantation expansion in the south west slopes, new tourism networks for regional NSW and Riverina 'Top Plates' a new initiative of RDA Riverina for the upcoming Taste Riverina Food Festival. Enjoy!



Mark Ritchie

RDA Riverina Executive Officer



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Meet the Committee - Patricia Wilkinson

Patricia Wilkinson is a Tourism Strategy Senior Project Officer for Office of Environment and Heritage
Based in the Riverina highlands town of Tumut, Patricia is passionate about

regional tourism having worked in tourism roles throughout regional NSW including Riverina Regional Tourism and Tourism NSW



[Click here to read more](#)

New Tourism Networks for Regional NSW

The NSW Government announced this week that they will invest \$43 million over four years in a major overhaul in the way regional and rural areas attract visitors, including the creation of six new Destination Networks throughout NSW.

The four new regional destination networks are:

- Destination Riverina Murray;
- Destination Southern NSW (including the Snowy Mountains and Far South Coast);
- Destination North Coast (from Mid-Coast to Tweed Heads including Lord Howe Island); and

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The two Sydney Surrounds destination networks will include:

- Destination Sydney Surrounds North (including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, and Hunter); and
- Destination Sydney Surrounds South (including the Southern Highlands Wollongong and Shoalhaven).

Other new initiatives include a regional conferencing unit within Destination NSW, an increase to the Contestable Pool of the Regional Visitor Economy Fund (\$3.5 million) and an increase to Regional Flagship Event Funding (\$4 million) over 4 years.

The new networks were created after consultation with 93 key industry associations and stakeholders on ways to improve the outcomes for the Regional NSW visitor economy.

[For more information about the Destination Networks visit click here](#)

Riverina Top Plates



RIVERINA TOP PLATES is an RDA Riverina initiative for TASTE Riverina Food Festival. It is also an eat local campaign to be launched online in September 2016 to coincide with Riverina's flagship event TASTE Riverina Festival. The concept is designed to attract visitors ravenous for new culinary tourism experiences to the door of Riverina food retailers who serve or sell Riverina grown or produced food during the month of October. Those who agree to the criteria for participation will have their regional signature menu included in

www.tasteriverina.com.au

[Click here for more information](#)

Funding Announcements

Murray Darling Basin Economic Diversification Fund.

Congratulations to the following businesses in the RDA Riverina region who have received notification of their successful application. These projects were chosen from a diverse range of industries of which some are already delivering outcomes that will help diversify economies and create new jobs in the Riverina region.

Business	Project	Location	Jobs Created
Walnuts Australia	Walnuts Australia - Cool Store Project	Leeton	28
McWilliam's Wines Group Ltd	Construction of a centralised bottling, warehouse and distribution facility	Hanwood	118
Coleambally Saltbush	3 Buds Herbs and Spices Packing room and storage facility	Coleambally	15.3
Oilseeds Australia Pty Ltd	Construction of a specialised production and storage shed for cottonseed crushing and refining.	Hillston	19.5

Export Awards 2016



The Premier's NSW Export Awards are now open to recognise and reward NSW businesses achieving excellence in the export of goods and services. The awards allow businesses to raise their profile as well as benefit from valuable business and networking opportunities.

If you are interested in applying visit the Premier's NSW Export Awards website. Further information can also be obtained from Kristen Mulligan on 02 8243 7400 or at kristenmulligan@export.org.au

Applications close 15 August 2016, with winners announced 26 October 2016 at the NSW Premier's Export Awards Ceremony.

State winners then progress as national finalists to the Australian Export Awards – for more information visit the Export Council of Australia.

Workshop: Critical Media Training for Government Agencies



Engaging effectively with the media is a critical aspect of how you are perceived by the general public and key stakeholders. With constantly changing platforms, a 24-hour news cycle, how exposed are you?

- Is your go-to person truly prepared?
- Is your messaging on-point, always?
- Are you taking advantage of every opportunity?

Who is the training for?

AM: Staff directly responsible for preparing media briefs, social media and public relations; as well as marketing and communications management.

PM: Media spokespeople, Chief Executive Officers, General Managers.

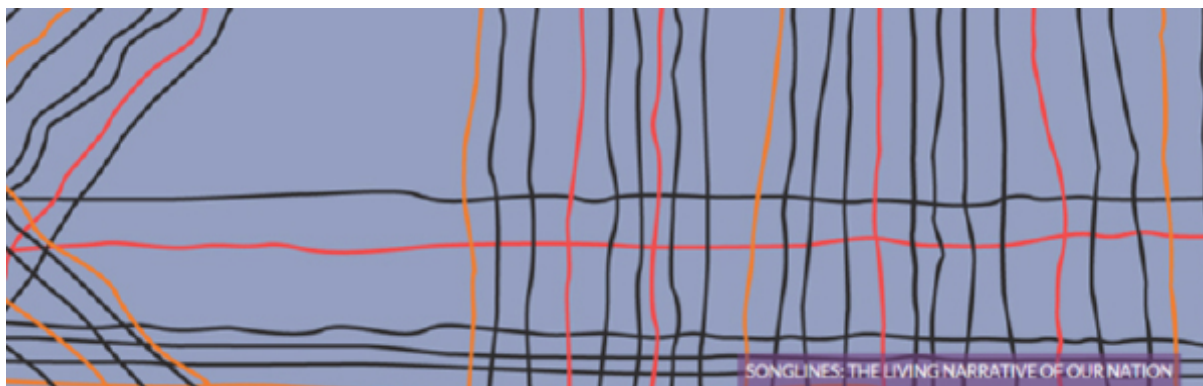
Interested in attending?

DATE: Wednesday, 10th of August

LOCATION: Wagga Wagga

INFORMATION & BOOKINGS: Laticia on 0413 342 735 or e: laticia@blueclay.com.au

2016 NSW Aboriginal Arts Fellowship



The Aboriginal Arts Fellowship is offered by the State Government to enable a professional Aboriginal artist to undertake a self-directed program of professional development.

The Fellowship is open to professional artists from all art forms, including dance, design, digital arts, history, Aboriginal arts, literature, music, theatre, screen, community arts, curatorial and the visual arts.

If you are interested in applying, please read the [2016 Aboriginal Arts Fellowship Guidelines](#) for more comprehensive information, including special eligibility requirements and assessment criteria for this funding category.

If you have further queries contact:

Eastern Riverina Arts - Scott Howie rado@easternriverinaarts.org.au

Western Riverina Arts - Derek Motion westrivarts@gmail.com

South West Arts- Kerry-Anne Jones eo@southwestarts.com.au

Grants Tip

ELIGIBLE AND COMPETITIVE

Consider whether your grant application is going to be both eligible and competitive
Look for recipients of previous funding rounds or similar programs to see what the Government or funder likes to fund.

Grants Calendar

AGRICULTURE - Export

[Agricultural Trade and Market Access Cooperation Programme](#)

Dept of Agriculture

ARTS - Aboriginal

[2016 NSW Aboriginal Arts Fellowship](#)

Arts NSW | \$30,000 | Closes 25th July 2016

COMMUNITY - Ageing

[NSW Grandparents Day Community Grants](#)

Dept Ageing | \$1,000 - \$5,000 | Closes 12th August 2016

HERITAGE - Transport

[Transport Heritage Grants Program](#)

3 categories: Conservation & Restoration, Education & Research, Publication | Transport
NSW | Closes 31st August 2016

INFRASTRUCTURE - Tourism

Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure Program

\$100,000 - \$750,000 | Closes 9th August 2016

INFRASTRUCTURE - Transport

Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme Guidelines 2015/16 & 2016/17

SMALL BUSINESS

Energise Enterprise Fund RD 3

Dept Small Business | \$25,000 unmatched \$40,000 matched | Closes 21st July 2016

**The following websites have information about many grant
and funding opportunities**

- Community builders: www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au
- Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal: www.frrr.org.au
- Grants Link: www.grantslink.gov.au
- Regional Arts NSW: <http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants>
- Business Projects: <http://ausindustry.gov.au>
- Our Community: <http://www.ourcommunity.com.au>
- Philanthropy: <http://www.philanthropy.org.au>

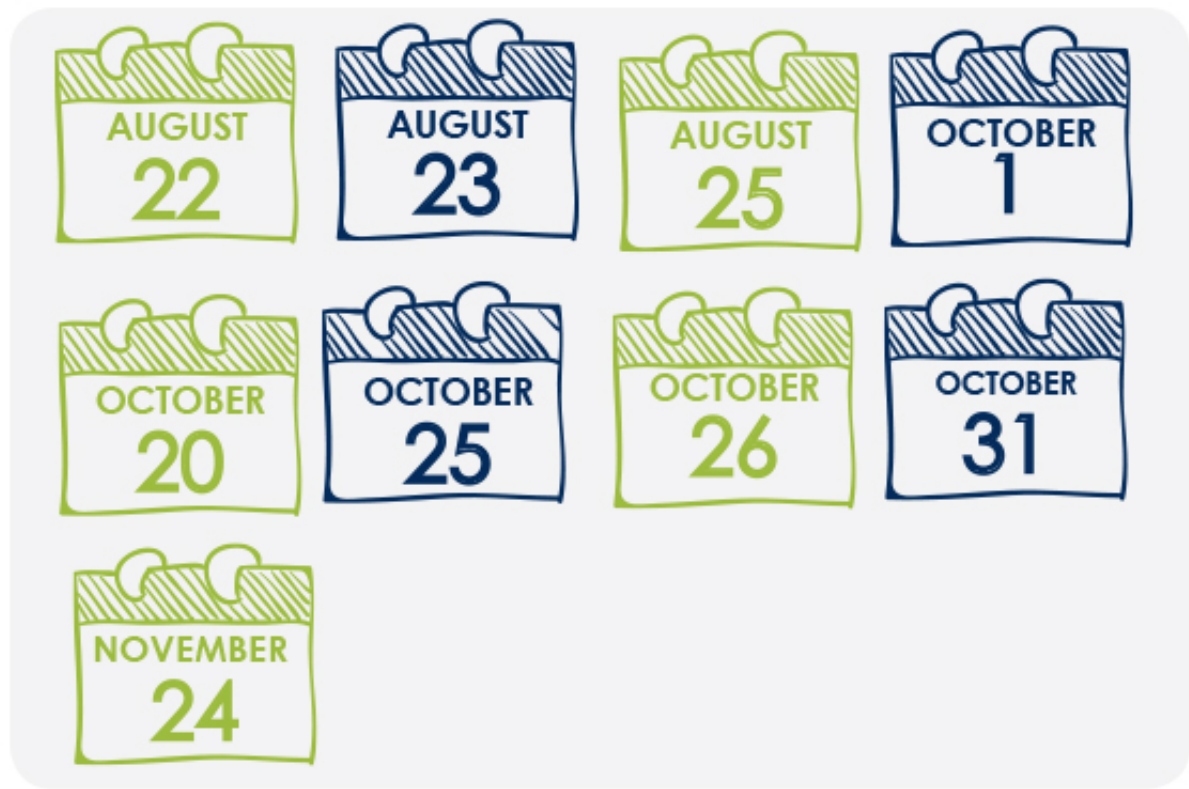
For further assistance in locating grants for your projects

Email: po@rdariverina.org.au

You can also Like us on Facebook to get regular updates

Further information on grants and grantwriting www.rdariverina.org.au

RDA Riverina Diary Dates 2016



- **August 2:** Digital Skills for Community Groups - *Griffith*
- **August 23:** REROC - *Wagga Wagga*
- **August 25:** RDA Riverina Committee Meeting - *Gundagai*
- **October 1-31:** Taste Riverina

- **October 20:** Development Officer Network Forum - *West Wyalong*
- **October 25:** REROC - *Wagga Wagga*
- **October 26:** Regional Outlook 2016 Conference - *Griffith*
- **November 24:** RDA Riverina AGM & Committee Meeting - *Junee*

What's on in the Riverina Region?

- [Bland Shire](#)
- [Carrathool Shire](#)
- [Coolamon Shire](#)
- [Cootamundra Shire Council](#)
- [Griffith City Council](#)
- [Gundagai Shire Council](#)
- [Hay Shire Council](#)

- [Junee Shire Council](#)
- [Leeton Shire Council](#)
- [Lockhart Shire Council](#)
- [Murrumbidgee Shire Council](#)
- [Narrandera Shire Council](#)
- [Temora Shire Council](#)
- [Snow Valleys Council](#)
- [Wagga Wagga City Council](#)



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Website

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